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SUBJECT: ALPHA 66

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1. TWO UNTESTED INFORMANTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ALPHA 66  
REPORTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS AGENCY THAT A SCHEM  
RECENTLY DEVELOPED IN THE ALPHA 66 RANKS OWING TO THE  
DECEPTIVE TACTICS OF ANTONIO VECIANA BLANCH, A FOUNDER OF  
ALPHA 66. SINCE THE CREATION OF ALPHA 66 VECIANA HAS BEEN  
SECRETLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEGUNDO FRENTE DEL ESCAMERAY  
(SFLE) BUT DID NOT REVEAL THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE MEMBERS OF  
ALPHA 66. VECIANA HANDLED ALL FUND DEBURSEMENTS AND ALWAYS  
SPOKE OF FINANCING ANOTHER GROUP, BUT ALPHA 66 MEMBERS  
THOUGHT THE OTHER GROUP WAS A PART OF ALPHA 66. (CONTINUED)

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2. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANTS, THE TRUTH CONCERNING VECIANA'S SECRET RELATIONSHIP WAS NOT REVEALED UNTIL LATE OCTOBER 1963 WHEN VECIANA AND ARMANDO FLEITES DIAZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SFDE, OFFERED THEIR SERVICES AND RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO JOSE MIRO CARDONA, HEAD OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THEY TOLD MIRO THAT BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAD FORMED A PACT AND THAT ELOY GUTIERREZ MENDOZA WAS BEHIND BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND HAD DONE THE PLANNING OF ALL ALPHA 66 AND SFDE OPERATIONS AGAINST CUBA. BEFORE THE MEETING WITH MIRO VECIANA REVEALED HIS SECRET RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SFDE TO SEVERAL ALPHA 66 MEMBERS AND ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN THEIR COOPERATION. THEY REFUSED AND URGED HIM TO BREAK WITH THE SFDE IMMEDIATELY. THE VECIANA REFUSED TO DO AND FURTHER ALIENATED THE ALPHA 66 MEMBERS BY MEETING WITH MIRO THUS ALPHA 66 MEMBERS AND FINANCIAL SPONSORS FELT THEY WERE DUPED BY VECIANA AND ASKED HIM TO RESIGN FROM ALPHA 66, WHICH HE DID. VECIANA SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVELED TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, TO

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APPEAL HIS CASE TO ALPHA 66 SPONSORS THERE, BUT HIS EFFORTS FAILED. AN ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS SHOWED HE DIVERTED \$27,000 TO THE SIDE OUT OF THE TOTAL ALPHA 66 FUND OF \$57,000.

3. THE INFORMANTS REPORTED ALPHA 66 IS NOW COMPLETELY DIVORCED FROM THE DSFDE; IT IS APOLITICAL; SEES ONLY TO FIGHT CASTRO THROUGH MILITARY ENDEAVOR; UNDER THE CHARTER NO MEMBER CAN HOLD OFFICE IN A FUTURE CUBAN GOVERNMENT; AND THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION IS NOW TWENTY. ALPHA 66 IS PRESENTLY INSOLVENT AND HOPES TO BEGIN AN INTENSIVE APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS SOON. ALL ALPHA 66 EQUIPMENT WAS LOST ON THE ILL-FATED 23-24 OCTOBER 1963 ATTEMPTED RAID TO SABOTAGE SUGAR BARGES OFF CAYO SANTA MARIA. BECAUSE OF ROUGH SEAS BOTH ALPHA 66 IN BOATS SANK NEAR THE LIGHTHOUSE ON BAYO CAIMAN GRANDE. THE MEN SWAM ASHORE, STOLE A BOAT, AND RETURNED SAFELY.

4. ALL ALPHA 66 OPERATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT FROM MIAMI, AND EXTREME CARE IS EXERCISED TO KEEP THIS FACT A SECRET. ALPHA 66 HAS ALSO USED CAYO ANGUILA AS AN OPERATIONAL BASE, BUT  
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WILL CHANGE SOON TO ANDROS ISLAND. THE MEMBERS HOPE TO BUY A MOTHER SHIP IN THE FUTURE TO SERVE AS A MOBILE BASE. THEY ALSO NEED A BOAT CAPABLE OF FORTY TO FIFTY KNOTS SPEED AND EQUIPPED WITH RADIO AND RADAR FOR FAST OPERATIONS. ASSORTED ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ARE ALSO NEEDED TO CONDUCT EFFECTIVE RAIDS.

5. THE INFORMANTS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE FREEMEN WHO EXPERIENCED THE REPELLING FORCE FROM THE SOVIET SHIP DURING THE ALPHA 68 RAID AT SAGUA LA GRANDE ON 8 OCTOBER 1962 WERE SYDE MEMBERS.

6. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, TO THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND TO THE U. S. COAST GUARD.

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